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Carols axed ...for being 'too Christian'

A CHRISTMAS carol service for families of murder victims has been branded "too Christian" by the politically correct brigade. The moving annual service now faces the axe, thanks to barmy bureaucrats who claim it might upset other religions.

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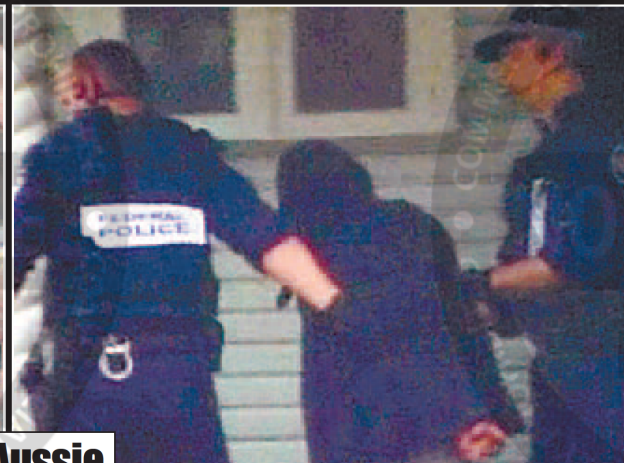
17 Aussie plotters charged

A TERROR group planning suicide bomb attacks has been foiled by police in Australia.

Raids in Sydney and Melbourne saw 17 men charged with being members of a terrorist organisation.

Chemicals similar to those used in the London bombings were seized by anti-terrorism officers.

One suspect was shot in the neck when he opened fire outside his home. He is critical in hospital.



BLAIR SWEATING ON TERROR LAW

TONY Blair is on course to scrape to a narrow victory in his crucial anti-terror battle.

The Prime Minister faces a knife-edge Westminster showdown this evening on his controversial plan to lock up terrorist suspects for up to 90 days without charge.

And Mr Blair, 52, is hoping disgruntled Tory MPs will break ranks to support him in the House of Commons vote.

Threat

Last night, Scotland Yard Police Chief Sir Ian Blair, 52, warned that the powers were needed to fight the terrorist threat.

He said: "There are people in the UK plotting mass murder without warning. The state has a duty to its citizens to give the greatest level of protection it can."

"This is different. It is chilling and

90-day suss clause vote on a knife-edge



by **MACER HALL**
Political Editor

what we are saying is we are very, very worried and alarmed about it and that's the position we are putting forward."

Tory leader Michael Howard, 64, has told his party to vote against the plans to inflict the PM's first Commons defeat.

But backbenchers - including former Home Office Minister Ann Widdecombe, 58 - are poised to side with Labour to show support for the police.

One Tory insider said: "MPs are getting close to boiling over. We do not want to turn down the police without a well-argued case."

A threatened rebellion by Labour MPs was crumbling last night. Clive Betts, 55, who was tipped to be a no vote, said: "In the end I am persuaded that I have to accept the arguments."

Senior officials, including Sir Ian, believe longer custody terms are needed for investigations to work.

And in a bid to see off the rebels, Home Secretary Charles Clarke, 54, will review the law after a year.

He said: "People have to face up to an issue which exists, which is of a threat

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to this country which is real and substantial."

Labour's Janet Anderson, 55, has made a proposal for a 60-day limit in case the vote for 90 days fails.

MPs are under massive pressure to back the law change after opinion polls showed two thirds of the public backed Mr Blair.

The Liberal Democrats want the maximum period in custody without charge to remain at 14 days, while the Conservatives are arguing for 28 days.

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Happy Birthday

Aussie soap beauty turned pop star Delta Goodrem is 21 today. Her hit songs include Born to Try.



Thought for the day...

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

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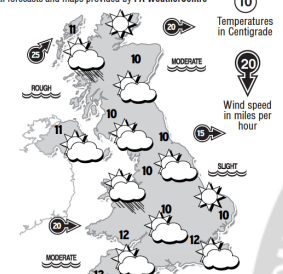
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TODAY: England, Wales and eastern Scotland will be fine but chilly. Showers near to Irish Sea coasts. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will have a few showers with winds strengthening.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, England and Wales will be windy with rain. Showers elsewhere. On Friday, it will be stormy with heavy rain and gales in the north. Showers elsewhere.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday
Rain

Friday
Rain

Saturday
Showers

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Dublin	sunny	7c (45f)	Nice	sunny	20c (68f)
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Majorca	sunny	21c (70f)	Rhodes	sunny	23c (83f)
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**DAILY
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It's good boobs

by NADINE LINGE

■ GREAT news, folks! Britain's breast assets are getting even bigger.

A new survey has shown that the average babe's boobs have swelled a whole cup size over the past 10 years.

Today's women have a 36C treasure chest – way out in front of the modest 36B that was the most popular size in 1995.

■ And if our babes continue growing at the same rate, in just 10 years' time fellas can look forward to a well-rounded 36D.

To show exactly how gorgeous babes fill their cups, we've scoured

the land to find the inch-perfect examples of B, C and D.

■ Sexy Natasha, 21, from Norwich, is a beautiful B – as is Dr Who beauty Billie Piper, 23, inset above left.

Luscious Charlotte, 20, from Ipswich, is a C cup, along with Hollywood babe Angelina Jolie, 30, inset centre.

■ And cracker Natalie, 19, from Poole, Dorset, is a delectable D – just like sizzling Sally Lindsay,

31, Corrie's Shelley, pictured inset right. The boob boom was revealed in a national survey of how British babes measure up.

■ Daily Star readers already know size matters. You love our gorgeous discoveries Kelly Brook, 25 (32E), Lucy Pinder, 21 (34FF), Michelle Marsh, 22 (32FF), and Sophie Howard, 22 (34G).

If you like your girls really up front, head for East Anglia. That's the area with the biggest boobs, at

an uplifting average D cup. But even girls who aren't naturally gifted are getting in on the trend. The survey showed 23% of women give 'em a boost with a padded bra, while 3% have had a boob job.

■ Sadly, it's not just girls' busts that are getting bigger. Those hips and waistlines are expanding, too.

The number of overweight Brit babes has more than doubled in just six years from 16% to 33%.

Waists have gone from 27.5in in 1951 to a flabby 34in today, and hips expanded by 1.5in to 40.5in.

■ The average UK dress size has gone up from a trim 12 in 1950 to a curvier 14.

And high street giant TopShop recently upgraded its sizes to reflect the swelling British figure – its size 10 can now measure up as a size 12 in other stores.

■ Brand director Jane Shepherdson said: "Women have got larger over the last few years. They certainly have bigger busts. We have to react to that."

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Curfews in France's biggest crisis since War

STREETS OF FEAR



BLAMED: Jacques Chirac



What's the damage?

By yesterday:
5,873 cars torched
1,500 arrests
120 police and firefighters injured
One man – a 61-year-old assaulted by rioters – dead.

Is immigration to blame?

France has many more immigrants than the UK. In Britain, 1 in 12 were born abroad. Over the Channel, the figure is 1 in 10.

French immigrant communities, mainly descended from France's former colonies in North Africa, are far less integrated than in Britain.

Many Muslims live in crumbling housing blocks on city outskirts.

They are cut off from the rest of the population and blighted by poverty and unemployment.

Tough French citizenship laws, like the ban on Islamic headscarves in schools, have also angered Muslims.

Furious youths claim they are taking revenge for being excluded from jobs and harassed by police. But critics say the rioters are just lawless yobbs.

What is the French Government doing?

President Jacques Chirac's Government is getting a lot of the blame for the disorder. Two days before the violence flared, senior minister Nicolas Sarkozy caused anger by branding slum dwellers "scum".

The Government has pledged a "zero tolerance" crackdown but done little. Riot cops have been overwhelmed but, so far, Ministers have ducked out of sending the troops in.

Town halls have been given temporary power to order evening curfews.

Could the riots spread to Britain?

Ministers are worried at the prospect of copy-cat riots in the UK. But they believe immigrants here are far more integrated than in France.

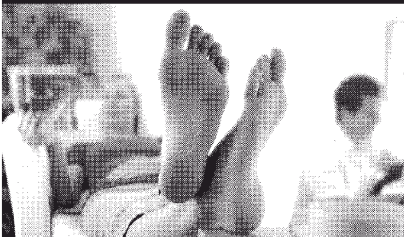
Yet recent clashes between blacks and Asians in the Lozells area of Birmingham after rumours of a rape show race-hate disorder can spread quickly.

Thankfully, there has been no sign of France's riots crossing the Channel so far.

PM Tony Blair, 52, has said: "You have just got to work at this community relations thing the whole time."

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by MACER HALL
Political Editor

A STATE of emergency was declared across France last night as rioting threatened to engulf the country in flames.

More than 300 towns and cities were left counting the cost after 12 nights of mayhem and car-burning.

Town halls were given powers to order curfews to rid the streets of the spiralling violence caused by mobs of youths.

Anyone caught outside after the 11pm deadline for going indoors will face arrest.

Ministers admitted the country faced the biggest crisis since occupation by the Germans in the Second World War.

Fury

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin promised "anything necessary" to regain control.

Putting an extra 1,500 police on riot duty, he said: "That is our prime duty – ensuring everyone's protection."

But once again, cities across the nation felt the full force of young slum-dwellers' fury.

In Toulouse, mobs torched a bus and pelted police with bricks and bottles.

In Lille, a children's care centre was set alight while two schools were burned in the north of Paris.

The worst violence elsewhere was in Marseille and Toulouse, where gangs targeted churches, nursery schools, town halls and police stations.

Trouble has also spread to Nice and Cannes on the Riviera, Strasbourg in the east, Nantes in the west and tourist centres such as the Loire valley town of Blois.



BURNOUT: A mounting pile of charred cars in a Paris scrapyard

Caen, Le Havre and Dieppe in Normandy, Quimper in Brittany and Lyon, Grenoble and Chambéry in the Alps have also been hit.

And fears rose that the chaos could spread across Europe as cars were torched in Brussels in neighbouring Belgium.

Failing

President Jacques Chirac, 72, came under fire for failing to calm the chaos after making only one appearance since the riots began.

Opposition chief Francois Bayrou,

54, said: "The absence of the President is extraordinary."

In an emergency session of the National Assembly, Mr De Villepin, 51, apologised for a police tear-gas bomb landing by a mosque.

He also admitted immigrants face discrimination over jobs.

The Foreign Office last night advised Brits travelling to France to be "extremely vigilant".

Its website warns: "disturbances could occur almost anywhere."

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I wasn't dogging... I took the dog for a pee in the park at 4am!



ALAN

HE'S A well-meaning charity worker who rattles a tin for a donkey sanctuary. But David, who plays him, says: "Once you've given your money, be careful where he plants the sticker. He has a bit of a wandering hand, especially when selling stickers to ladies with large breasts."



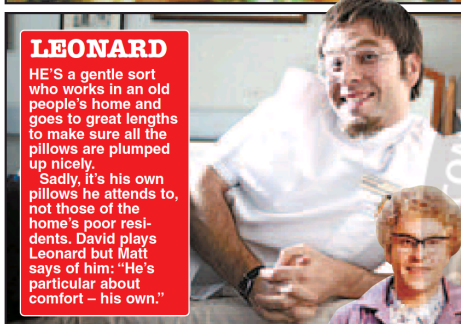
LETTY

THIS old dear's passion is collecting anything to do with frogs. Her home is packed with all kinds of froggie toys and ornaments.

But David, who plays her, says: "Letty loves things like porcelain frogs, but hates real ones."

"She has a violent reaction if she's confronted by or even goes near the real thing and suddenly all hell breaks loose."

"She feels the need to commit violent murder."



LEONARD

HE'S a gentle sort who works in an old people's home and goes to great lengths to make sure all the pillows are plumped up nicely.

Sadly, it's his own pillows he attends to, not those of the home's poor residents. David plays Leonard but Matt says of him: "He's particular about comfort - his own."



SID PEGG

PLAYED by David, he's a nosy, mean-spirited Neighbourhood Watch leader who the star describes as "a vigilante".

The main trouble is that he often targets the very people he should be protecting, while the real villains go free.

Mrs EMERY

THIS character has been named in tribute to the late funnyman Dick Emery, one of Matt and David's comic heroes. David, who plays her, says: "Mrs Emery is a kind old dear who is always ready to stop for a nice long chat, but is unable to control a certain bodily function. 'Let's just say she's always coming up trumps!'"



DAILY STAR

PICTURE EXCLUSIVE

SLEAZY DOES IT: Dodgy Tory Sir Norman Fry and his family are among the new characters

Meet the new Little Brits

THIS is the sleazy Tory who keeps getting caught with his pants down, but always has an excuse up his sleeve.

Sir Norman Fry is the latest oddball to hit Little Britain.

He's one of a gang of new characters we'll meet when the third series blasts on to BBC1 on Thursday next week.

Dump

Other newcomers include a charity worker with wandering hands, a farting old lady and baldy Dudley and his Thai bride Ting Tong - pictured on Page One.

But creators Matt Lucas, 31, and David Walliams, 33, decided to axe three of the show's old

by NIGEL PAULEY

favourites. Out go Dennis "Can I do the theme tune?" Waterman, hypnotist Kenny "Look into my eyes" Craig and breast-fed toff Harvey. David and Matt admit it's a gamble, but say change is vital if the show is to remain on top.

And they're convinced the new batch will soon be as popular as chav Vicky Pollard and gay Dafydd. David plays Sir Norman, a throwback to the bad old days of Tory sleaze. He uses his wife (Matt) and children to win votes, while constantly getting caught in scandals.

David said: "He's the sort who gets arrested on Hampstead Heath at 4am and has a convoluted explanation for why he was there."

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Cocktails freeze out alcopops

SHAKING ALL OVER

FORGET alcopops, cocktails are now the top tippie for trendy young drinkers.

Sales of the fizzy designer drinks have slumped as the big-spending 18 to 24-year-olds copy telly shows like *Sex* and *The City* and Footballers' Wives.

Alcopops became the height of fashion in the 1990s but the bubble began to burst in 2002 and sales went down another 22% to £1.2 billion last year, according to analysts Mintel.

That's left cocktails the big winners, with more women than ever downing them.

The craze kicked off in London celebrity haunts like Chinawhite, The Embassy, Funky Buddha and Pangaia. But now more

and more bars are cashing in, with happy hour jugs and champagne cocktails becoming today's big sellers.

Celebs like 20-year-old soccer ace Wayne Rooney's fiancée Coleen McLoughlin, 19, are now more likely to be snapped necking a Kir Royale than a bottle of Smirnoff Ice - while Charlotte Church, also 19, downed 10 cocktails on one of her infamous booze binges.

Blends

Other popular new blends include the Bellini - peach juice and champers - and the old classic Mojito, but now mixed with fruit juices and served by toff store Harvey Nicks.

Mintel's James McCoy said alcopop firms had been too slow to see the cocktail revolution coming.

He added: "These once-trendy beverages are no longer seen as cool. Manufacturers have just not been quick enough to keep ahead of the decline."

Another reason for the fall in sales had been soaring alcopop prices.

Customers regard them as poor value for money. It's not just in bars and clubs where cocktails are big business.

Tesco said sales of classic cocktail spirits have increased 75% this year.

KIR ROYALE

A classic but now a must-have among celebs. You need one-part Cremé de Cassis for five-parts champagne. Simply pour the Cassis into a wide-rimmed glass then slowly - very slowly - add champers.

BELLINI

Again a classic which was created in 1940 in the famous Harry's Bar in Venice. Pour peach puree (just crush a medium ripe peach up) into your glass then slowly add champagne or dry sparkling white wine. Then stir gently and garnish with a peach slice.

WU WU

For cocktail fans who like it straight up. Pour vodka (or Archers) over ice then add equal amounts of orange and cranberry juices and serve.

CHOCOLATE MONKEY

This beauty has a long list of ingredients. You need banana liqueur, Creme de Cacao, 2 scoops of chocolate ice-cream, chocolate syrup, milk, whipped cream, a cherry and one piece of banana. Simply blend the liqueurs with the ice-cream, milk and syrup, pour into a parfait glass, top with whipped cream and garnish with banana and cherry.

Cruise control

HERE we list some of the cocktail mixes leaving trendy tippers shaken and stirred.

And if you reckon you're the next Tom Cruise from the classic film *Cocktail*, you can even compete at the World Bartending Championships in Las Vegas next March.

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Sack the PC prats

THE disease of Political Correctness continues its steady advance.

The Home Office now want to change a concert for victims of crime because "it could be seen as Christian".

They want carols ditched and the venue moved from a church.

The demand has upset those due to attend, mainly people who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Wendy Robinson, whose daughter was stabbed to death, said: "We find this offensive."

But Home Office busybody Darren Grubb is threatening to withhold vital funds unless the organisers toe the line.

His Government department has just been attacked by MPs for blowing £100 million in worthless "equality and diversity" campaigns.

Our money is being thrown at the wrong causes and cut off from right ones.

Mr Grubb and his fellow PC prats must be rooted out of public life.

Riots are a warning

RACE riots have set France ablaze for almost a fortnight.

Gangs of Arab and African youths have torched hundreds of cars in cities across the country.

Buildings have been damaged, one person killed and scores of police and firefighters have been injured.

The authorities have imposed curfews to try to restore law and order.

Worryingly, the trouble has spilled into Germany and Belgium.

There's a real risk that our own immigrant communities could join in the violence.

After all, a race riot erupted in Birmingham only last month.

The Daily Star has been warning for years that uncontrolled immigration will lead to division and conflict.

But Tony Blair and his Ministers have remained complacent, unwilling to secure our borders and deport failed asylum seekers.

They must surely act now before we suffer France's fate.

Breast of luck

BRITAIN'S breasts are getting bigger with the average size swelling from 36B to 36C in just 10 years.

Who said inflation was bad for Britain?

STEAMIN' MAD



Iron will of **DAILY Star** forces Chelsea to back Ben

■ by PAUL MALLEY
MEGA-RICH Chelsea were yesterday named and shamed as the only Premiership club to snub a Children In Need fund-raising campaign.

Steamed-up Liverpool fan Ben Walton, right, wanted to raise up to £10,000 by ironing a signed replica shirt at the ground of every top-flight team, then auctioning them all off.

But champions Chelsea refused to play ball, throwing the 1,000-mile, 20-club Ironathon into jeopardy.

However, the charity event was back ON last night, thanks to the Daily Star. We scored a victory for the BBC's Children In Need by putting pressure on the west London club - owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, 39.

After we demanded to know why they were the only club to refuse to back the appeal, they made a signed shirt available with an invitation to iron it at the ground.

Delighted dry-cleaning firm boss Ben, 29, of Andover, Hants, was handed the shirt at Stamford Bridge yesterday. He said: "It's great news to have all 20 clubs now on board, and it's thanks to the Daily Star."

Blamed

"This has been four months in the planning, but Chelsea were the only one not to respond to my request for a signed shirt and a chance to iron it at the ground."

"I wrote to and phoned various departments at Stamford Bridge many times, but didn't get anywhere. I thought it was a shame such a wealthy club didn't seem bothered. But now it's back on and that's fantastic."

A spokeswoman for Chelsea blamed the hitch on a massive demand for merchandise for charities.

She said: "The charity allocation for signed shirts and footballs has been used for this season. But after contacting another department, we were able to find a signed shirt."

Ben will be driven around the stadiums by pal Andy Cattle, 37, kicking off on November 17 at Newcastle United, then on to Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Blackburn Rovers, Liverpool, Everton, Wigan, Bolton, Manchester City and Manchester United.

The next morning - Children In Need day - he'll start at West Brom, moving on to Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Spurs, Arsenal, Charlton, West Ham, Chelsea and Fulham, finishing at Portsmouth. The signed shirts will then be auctioned for Children In Need.

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Picture: WAYNE STARR

£5m bill shocker

MOTORWAY worker Jason Evans was stunned to be hit with a tax bill ... for £5 MILLION.

Jason, 31, who puts cones out along the M6, has been told he'll face court action if he doesn't pay the VAT bill.

The dad-of-two, of Urmston, Manchester, said: "I told them someone must be using my ID, but they don't believe me and say they can bankrupt me."

Tax officials refused to comment on the case.

TV guru is dead

TOP telly producer Harry Thompson has died at the age of 45.

He was the man behind hits including Have I Got News For You, Da Ali G Show, They Think It's All Over, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and the animated series Monkey Dust.

Harry married girlfriend Lisa Whadcock, 33, just hours before he died.

The previously super-fit non-smoker had battled lung cancer at London's Cromwell Hospital.

Mortgage rates uncovered.



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ACES ARE UNDER MY SPELL



HYPNOTIST: Marisa

THIS is the secret weapon behind Wigan's amazing Premiership success - blonde hypnotist Marisa Peer.

The beautiful guru has propelled the minnows to second in the league after putting their stars under her spell.

But Marisa, who has appeared on ITV's Fit Club, is careful about how often she hypnotises the players.

She revealed: "Players do not require hypnosis all the time."

Yesterday the Daily Star told how mystic Sylvie Caplin, 71, has helped Everton out of the relegation zone.

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Walkies for Kylie

■ BRAVE Kylie Minogue shows she's determined to lead a normal life as she strolls in Paris yesterday.

■ The pop princess, 37, is trying a range of therapies to fight breast cancer. But she took a break with actor boyfriend Olivier Martinez, 39, to walk their pooch Sheba.

Picture: ELIOT PRESS / JASON FRASER

YOU COULD HAVE USED THE TARDIS

Dr Who £236k taxi bill shock



■ by TOM BEDFORD
DR WHO has been blamed for sending the BBC's bill for taxis rocketing.

Bundles of licence fee payers' cash have been exterminated by the time-traveller and his pals.

David Tennant, 34, takes over from Christopher Eccleston, 41, in the next series, roaming the universe in his Tardis with sidekick Billie Piper, 23.

But the show is filmed in Wales - and has been fingered for sending BBC Wales' taxi bill up from £188,000 to £236,000.

Axe

The Beeb was yesterday accused of taking viewers for a ride - while 200 staff face the axe at its Cardiff studios.

Welsh Tory Culture spokeswoman Lisa Francis, 45, fumed: "It's a lot of money when they're shedding jobs."

But the BBC said the taxi fees proved more shows were being made in Wales. Across the UK, the Beeb ran up an £11.8m annual taxi bill - up 3.5%.

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TAKING US FOR A RIDE: New Doctor David Tennant and his TV pals shun the trusty Tardis for taxis

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FLOWER POWER: Poppy

Poppy sellers in victory

by LAURA NEIL
POPPY sellers have won their battle to extend collection time in a city centre – thanks to the Daily Star.
Volunteers hit back after council bosses in Southampton refused to bend a rule that no charity can have more than a day in the busy shopping centre.
Civic leaders came under fire from fundraisers and MPs who agreed an exception should be made for the Royal British Legion.
Now collectors have been given permission to stand in the shopping centre for two



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days and at other locations for a further four days.

A council spokesman said: "The change is for this year only, but the policy of permits for street collections will be reviewed in the next few months."

Tory councillor Royston Smith said: "I'm delighted we've been able to respond quickly, recognising the opinions we've heard."

"I believe this will be good news for everyone concerned." Campaigners welcomed the decision.

Ernie Spacagna, 91, a D-Day veteran, said: "It shows that our campaign made a big difference."

"But I don't think it has come soon enough and we have lost a few days of fundraising."

"I think the council should donate about £2,000 to the appeal to make up for it."

John Denham, 52, Labour MP for Southampton Itchen, said: "I welcome the council's U-turn."

"It was the right thing to do."

YULE DUDE:
New look
Santa blings
tidings of joy



YO HO HO! SANTA IS BLINGIN'

by NADINE LINGE

BLINGIN' heck! Santa Claus has been given a makeover after youngsters said he needed a new look.

Designers came up with the gold-dripping Santa after asking children to help with a modern-day look.

They gave the trendy Father Christmas a host of must-have accessories – including an iPod, mobile phone and diamond-studded belt.

Bling Santa wears a big red puffa jacket and a beanie instead of a pointed hat.

He also sports a shaped

goatee beard, medallion, trainers and combat pants.

But a survey of 350 parents revealed that mums and dads still prefer Santa's traditional red-suited get-up.

The new look is part of the massive Santa Land exhibition at Earl's Court in London.

It is the biggest Christmas

event in Britain and boss Mark Rodol said yesterday: "It came as a bit of a surprise that kids were so keen to update Santa."

"But we believe parents really do know best and Santa should keep his traditional look, to ensure the magic of Christmas lasts for generations."

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE PC

Carols axed as 'too Christian'

A TRADITIONAL carol service for victims of crime is facing the axe because it is "too Christian".

Politically correct penpushers have targeted the church service for families of murdered people, claiming it could drive away other religions.

Each year St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London's Trafalgar Square is full of people singing carols and lighting candles in memory of their loved ones.

This year relatives of victims of the 7/7 terror attacks are expected to attend.

But there was anger last night after it was revealed barmy Home Office bureaucrats will pull the plug on a vital £2,000 grant – unless the service is changed and moved from a church. Sandra Sullivan, who helped set up

the concert 11 years ago after her daughter Katie, then 23, was killed, said: "Officials are trying to bully us into holding the service away from a church."

We n d y Robinson, the mother of Georgina, 26, who was stabbed to death in 1993, added: "We find it offensive that an element of political correctness should be brought to an occasion that is so sensitive to those who wish to remember loved ones."

In a letter to organisers, Darren Grubb of the Home Office's Victims and Confidence Unit said officials were considering withdrawing funding.

He wrote: "I appreciate the service is a source of great comfort for those who attend."

"I am, however, concerned that this service could be seen as a Christian service and could therefore exclude parts of the community that would benefit from attending a memorial service."

Yesterday a Home Office spokesman said that no decision had been made.

Singing
Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Sikhs joined forces yesterday to sing carols on the radio in defiance of the PC brigade.

Before singing Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Muslim Fatema told Nick Ferrari at Breakfast LBC 97.3 FM: "I'm fed up of people labelling things."

"They've said that it should be multi-faith, why? "It's Christmas, you sing Christmas carols."

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Lights brigade give in

CHRISTMAS is back on for a Scrooge council.

It's ordered a rethink on plans to slash cash for festive lights after a public outcry.

A council report said the £10,000 grant was being halved next year.

It said Christmas was a Christian festival and did not fit in with the authority's "core values of equality and diversity". But

now red-faced Mark Bee, leader of Waveney District Council in Suffolk, has withdrawn the proposals from the agenda.

He's asked officers to provide a report that recommends that the council awards the full Christmas lights grant.



Pictures: DENNIS STONE

HEY JUDE ...THAT'S SO RUDE

He strolls, Sienna pushes

SEXY Sienna Miller is left playing the bag lady as she jets off to Los Angeles with Jude Law.

The pair's stormy on-off romance looks to be back on again – but Jude, 32, wasn't making any effort to act the gentleman at Heathrow airport.

He walked ahead with his eyes hidden behind a pair of shades as Sienna, 23, pushed the luggage trolley.

Sienna and Jude had arrived at the airport together in the back of a silver BMW and were quickly ushered into the departure lounge by airline officials.

The couple apparently split up after Jude cheated with nanny Daisy Wright, 26, and Sienna had a fling with new

by IAIN BURCHELL

James Bond star Daniel Craig, 37, who is a close pal of Jude.

Meanwhile Sadie Frost, 38 – Jude's ex and mother of his three kids – has told *OK!* magazine how they now have a "good relationship".

Family

She said: "We do things as a family and we're spending a lot of time together. We get on incredibly well. Our priority is the children."

But Sadie added: "I love him as the father of my kids, but I'm not in love with him any more."

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JENNIFER Ellison, right, wants a boob reduction because she's tired of carrying hers around all the time. I'm sure an ad in the paper for volunteers to carry them around for her would have met with a landslide response.

IT'S A BIT OF A CHOKER

SMOKERS of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your breath! Tobacco bosses have come up with a "safe" cigarette.

Using a new "trionic filter" (I think they had one of these in a Star Trek episode) and a "chalky substance" mixed with the tobacco, they claim there will be as much as a 90% reduction in the risk to health.

As much as I would love to believe this, I can't. No matter how many chemicals they cut out, the fact is that you're still breathing in smoke. And breathing in smoke isn't good for you.

If it was, there would have been a "Breathing in Smoke" diet by now.

ACCORDING to a survey on eBay Motors, men spend twice as much on their cars as on their girlfriends. Then again, you do get inside a car every day, they warm up in minutes and other men are more than happy to let you stare at their new car.

LANGHAM'S LAUGHING

MUCH of the publicity surrounding the British Comedy Awards concerns whether Ricky Gervais will beat David Walliams and Matt Lucas to the Best Comedy Actor prize.

For my money, the winner is obvious. And it's the one who won't be getting all the publicity. Chris Langham is the fourth nominee for his note-perfect performance as Government Minister Hugh Abbot in BBC4's breathtaking political satire *The Thick Of It*.

It is the best political comedy show since *Spitting Image* and the funniest thing on telly since *The Office*.

You can catch the three episodes from Series 2 on the BBC's website. And, trust me, you'll be all the better for it.

Tony's on a terror tightrope

I SHOULD be dancing a jig today, readers. The kerfuffle over the terror laws has left Tony Blair's Prime Ministry at death's door.

He's not just drinking in the last chance saloon, he's stuck his credit card behind the bar and ordered Aftershocks for everyone.

If he loses the vote after today's debate, he will have to resign. And if he sticks to this idea of locking up terror suspects for 90 days it looks like he will lose.

So why am I not chuffed to bits? Because I'm not convinced he's wrong. There is no textbook for dealing with terrorism because, by definition, they're crazy unpredictable bastards. Sometimes you just have to be ultra-conservative.

And if you ask any of the families of the 7/7 victims if they could go back in time and live

under draconian laws of internment to keep their relatives alive today, they would.

However, it is a fact that locking up innocent Muslims under headline terror laws will do more to turn them to extremism than any number of al-Qaida videos would.

I know it's easy to say that you have nothing to fear if you haven't done anything wrong. But ask the legions of innocent Irishmen banged up during the IRA's mainland terror campaign.

Our police make mistakes. It's like the death penalty argument. As a parent, I'd like paedophiles hung. But I don't trust the police to arrest the right people.

I'm not blaming the individual

coppers themselves. Like NHS doctors, the mistakes they make are almost always as a result of overwork or frustration boiling over at layers of protocol preventing them from doing their job properly.

So this is one of those tough decisions we elect Prime Ministers to make. Mind you, technically, fewer than half the people in this country actually voted for Blair at the last election.

But that's the fault of the lazy gits who couldn't be bothered to get off their arses and exercise their democratic right.

Given that it's a tough decision, there is a part of me that actually respects Blair's unwillingness to

move on this issue. However, I can't help feeling there could have been another way to achieve the same thing.

The whole point of the 90-day internment is to give the police more than enough time to carry out a thorough investigation.

Might I suggest (and if you're a regular reader you can guess what's coming here) that removing police from covert entrapment units on motorway bridges and diverting this manpower to curbing terrorism might mean investigations could be carried out within 60 days?

Or how about cutting the amount of paperwork coppers have to fill out for misdemeanour crimes and refocusing their time better? And I still reckon there are twice as many police officers as necessary at any football matches I go to.

So instead of locking up suspects for longer, why not free up the police?

Acts get that Why? Factor

AM I watching the same X Factor as the judges? I only ask because on Saturday night almost every single contestant was woeful.

This was the singing competition version of the last minutes on the Titanic.

Chico doing Prince's Kiss at some point

this series was inevitable. So are death and taxes. And they are infinitely preferable.

A reader called Jayne texted the Star to ask: "What morons keep voting for Chico?" That has now overtaken "Why did

kamikaze pilots wear helmets?" as the most difficult-to-answer question in world history.

Nicholas was flatter than Kate Moss's chest, 99% of the Conway Sisters' performance now seems to come from the backing singers and Shayne continues to be the musical equivalent of brie - bland, drippy and tasteless.

Andy was average. Journey South were "interesting" in the same way avian flu is "interesting" and Maria's take on You're Beautiful managed the unbelievable feat of being more irritating than the James Blunt original.

Only two things impressed me: the number of contestants who did that "stretch out your hands and pull the audience in" move and Brenda, the only person on Saturday who dazzled me more than Simon Cowell's teeth.

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BAD BOY BRENDAN

Dance star's 4-letter fury

by MARK JEFFERIES
STRICTLY Come Dancing badboy Brendan Cole clashed with a cameraman in a furious behind-the-scenes bust-up.

The shock row happened on Saturday night minutes after he and Fiona Phillips had been eliminated.

The hot-headed Kiwi, 29, had repeatedly told BBC staff he didn't want to appear on camera.

And he flew into a rage after discovering he was still being filmed. Brendan, who won the first series with his then-lover Natasha Kaplinsky, 33, lashed out.

He grappled with the cameraman and stormed off, screaming: "Get the f**k out of my face for f**k's sake!"

Nasty

Brendan, who had come bottom with Fiona, 44, for three weeks before being voted off the show, admitted his "nasty side" had come out.

He said: "I'm a very emotional person. Unfortunately, the programme doesn't know when to quit it. They were in my face three times."

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WALTZED OFF: Bren & Fiona



IN UNISON: Andy and Carl on stage and below playing when children

South's close call



by MARK JEFFERIES
X FACTOR hunk Journey South have revealed why they're so close – they almost died in a car crash.

The smash in Middlesbrough helped bond Andy and Carl Pemberton's family and turned the lads into the closest brothers you are likely to meet.

Andy, 29, said: "Carl and I are so close nothing can come between us. I think it shows in our performances. We have always been there for each other."

Andy and Carl, 24, are being tipped for stardom even if they don't win the ITV show.

A source said: "Even if they get the boot they'll get signed up. They have the looks and the talent."



DRUG FIGHT: Danniella

Danni's lessons

FORMER EastEnders Danniella Westbrook wants her battle with drugs to be a lesson to Britain's teenagers.

The 31-year-old, who snorted so much coke it dissolved the wall between her nostrils, said yesterday she thought her habit was going to kill her.

Danniella's life story, called The Other Side of Nowhere, charts her battle against addiction.

And she said yesterday: "My main aim for the book is to get it in every secondary school library."

Jamie's hop-pot

TV CHEF Jamie Oliver secretly feeds his wife rabbit dishes by telling her it's chicken.

The chef, 30, reveals his trick on Jools, 30, during a shooting trip in his Channel 4 show Jamie's Great Escape tonight.

Our source said: "He'll be in the doghouse over this one."

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Lett's talk Jen

LEGGY Jennifer Aniston dodged questions about her romance with Vince Vaughn during an appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman.

The actress, 36, looked stunning in a sexy tight-cut black dress.

But the former Friends star did not mention her recent divorce from Brad Pitt, 41, and when Letterman, 58, attempted to draw her on her alleged romance with Vaughn, 35, she said: "Yes that's right, we're good friends."



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Brit girls feel blue

BRIT women have admitted they love watching porn.

A global sex survey has revealed they like blue movies more than girls in other countries.

Just over 50% of UK women quizzed like porn.

The survey, for men's mag Esquire, also revealed they don't believe a fella's size is important.

Italian girls are the most sexual, with 83% preferring making love to having cuddles.

TYCOON KILLED LOVER AFTER HE BLEW FORTUNE

He spent £200k on affair



JULIE: Lonely hearts ad

A MILLIONAIRE killed his lover after he ran out of cash to carry on their affair.

Howard Simmerson, 43, has been jailed for life for murdering mum-of-two Julie Turner, 40.

During their four-year fling, he splashed out £1,000-a-week on designer clothes to keep her happy.

He spent £71,000 on her in Harvey Nichols alone.

After shelling out

■ by JERRY LAWTON

almost £200,000 on gifts, he scribbled a suicide note saying: "The spending machine has gone."

Simmerson then shot Julie in the head in his Mercedes sports car.

Affair

He then stuffed her body in an oil drum, Sheffield Crown Court heard. Simmerson, who ran a gas bottle firm, then planned to kill him-

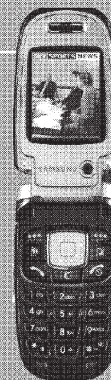
self but failed to go through with it. He later claimed she'd shot herself accidentally.

Simmerson, of Creswell, Derbys, met Julie, of Sheffield, after she replied to his lonely hearts advert. Her boyfriend Darren Akers knew about the affair.

Det Sgt Richard Shimwell said: "He was obsessed with her and he could see the money was running out."

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QUICKIE...

MARIAH Carey wants to shear her famous locks but is considering having the chop for charity. She fancies having short hair for a change. Mariah, 37, said: "I wanna cut my hair and if I do, it'll be for charity."

QUICKIE...

CATHERINE Zeta-Jones finds the pursuit of skinniness in Hollywood "scary". Cath, 36, said: "It's awful, this competition between actresses who just had a baby to see who's first to get back to their normal weight. It's insane."

QUICKIE...

SHARON Osbourne wants to take her dog to yoga classes. The 53-year-old said: "I've heard of a place where you can do yoga with your dog. I could take Minnie, she'd love that." We wouldn't want to see that lotus position...

SNAP A CELEB

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LOVE SPLIT MADE ME TOO SKINNY...

It wasn't drugs, says Tara

TARA Palmer-Tomkinson can't wait for I'm a Celebrity... so she can get into the jungle and eat lots of bush tucker to pile on the pounds.

The statuesque telly host has dropped to a size 6, skeletal for her frame, which has sceptics musing that she's back on cocaine.

But emotional Tara, 33, says the weight loss is down to her metabolism and, more importantly, getting dumped again by on/off boyfriend **Jamie Hargreaves**, 32. She's desperate to get out to Australia so she can get her body and mind back in perfect shape.

Tara said of the drugs rumours: "There is no way I would go back onto that. That was seven years ago."

"I think it's time the nation granted me my recovery."

Pizzas

"I broke up with my boyfriend and it f****d my life up. I didn't see it coming and I was absolutely broken by it."

"So I would come home at night and instead of having three pizzas, like I normally would, I would have a couple of bowls of cereal."

"Since February I have lost two stones but I'll put it back on when I go to Australia. I always eat loads out there."

"When I lose weight I look old and haggard."

Tara will be hosting I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here NOW! with **Matt Brown**, 32, who is replacing **Mark Durden Smith**, 36.

Their nightly show, following the main programme on ITV1, will feature exclusive live and uncut extra footage from the



TUCKERED: So skinny Tara

camp and all the gossip coming live from their jungle studio.

Tara said: "I'm looking forward to working with Matt. It's always exciting to work with someone new - variety is the spice of life. As long as he laughs at my bad jokes, I'll be happy!"

I'm A Celebrity... starts on November 20 and it's Tara's first chance to get away since she split with Matalan heir Hargreaves for the final time.



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Picture: DAVE BENNETT

BOOTIFUL JEN

ATOMIC Kitten Jenny Frost and TV celeb **Graham Norton** were just two of the big names lured by the premiere of In Her Shoes... and the promise of a footwear auction.

Jen, 27, declared her love for boots and Graham, 42, showed off his blue waders at the Grosvenor House Hotel bash organised by **Cherie Blair**, 51.

But it was down to

Amanda Holden, 34, to steal the thunder of the star-studded night by giving a raunchy hint about where her unborn child was conceived.

When asked if she was going to call the baby Paris or Brooklyn after a special place, the actress scoffed with a cheeky grin: "I'm hardly going to call it Carpet!"

She's obviously got shagpile at home.

QUICKIE...

MISCHA Barton might only be 19 but she plans to write a warts-and-all - or should that be beauty spots? - autobiography.

The OC star is going to lift the lid on a youth spent in the glare of Hollywood and the public eye.

Mischa explained: "I was starring opposite **Julia Roberts** at 12, that's already a big enough story."

Vic's names are up to Scratchy

VIC Reeves and pregnant wife **Nancy Sorrell** have started giving their unborn twins silly nicknames like Itchy and Scratchy and Dolce and Gabbana.

Vic, 46, and Nancy, 30, revealed two weeks ago during the comic's radio show that they're expecting twins after Nancy had broken the news to him in the studio.

The model said: "I'm so

happy to be pregnant with twins. I didn't want to tell everyone about it because I'm only eight weeks gone but I broke the news to Jim on his Virgin radio show."

"Jim and I have lots of nicknames for them, including Itchy and Scratchy, Bill and Ben, and Dolce and Gabbana!"

We rather like Mulligan and O'Hare...

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?

SPOTTED

IN Manchester: **Cat Deeley** joking with **Peter Kay** and his family in the River Bar at the Lowry; **Kate Ford** signing autographs for a bunch of old-timers on Market Street. In London: **Will Young** striding through Soho in horrible cut-off tracksuit bottoms; **Jeremy Edwards** playing with his Boston terrier Molly on Primrose Hill.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH ageing lothario was thrown off a legendary chat show after he groped a pretty crew member in the green room? This improper chap made the fatal lunge after downing too much champagne courtesy of the station's hospitality bar but soon his welcome wore out... particularly as said staff member was the producer's niece.

Pink is as sexy as Kel

DON'T Kelly Osbourne and Pink look every inch the rock couple as they show support for gay marriages?

Kelly, 21, looked stunning in a black and white Mission Mars jacket at the Wed Rock gig in New York - and Pink, 26, couldn't help admire it.

The singer - known for her love of both sexes - said: "I think Kelly's straight but she's really sexy. I could eat her up."

Elton John and **David Furnish** may have found competition...

Rising star's Eva so clever

TERI Hatcher's star may be waning on the *Desperate Housewives* set - but **Eva Longoria**'s continues to rise. And from what we hear, it's because of the 30-year-old's down-to-earth Texan ways. Eva insists on collecting her own lunch and she even walks her own pooch. A far cry from the myth surrounding Hatcher, 40. See, nice girls come first some-times...



JUST A BIT OF TOM FOOLERY

MOTLEY Crue rocker **Tommy Lee** brought his own brand of anarchy to Stringfellows. The 43-year-old, who is in Britain for a charity concert, wore different coloured trainers and grabbed his bits as if he needed the toilet as he entered the club.



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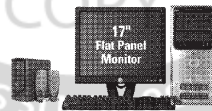
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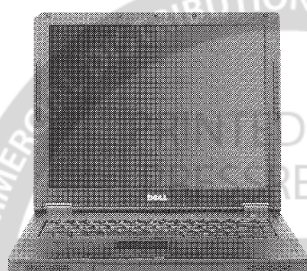
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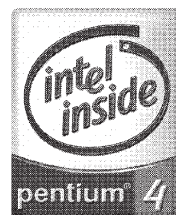
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SNACKY: Camilla tucks in yesterday
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CAMILLA EATS LIKE A HORSE

She gets munchies in US

HUNGRY Camilla really got stuck in as she and Prince Charles rounded off their tour of the States yesterday.

The Duchess of Cornwall is famously keen on horses – and she ate like one as she joined schoolchildren for lunch.

After putting away a hefty meal of soup and pizza, she later tucked into a chocolate brownie at a food market in San Francisco.

Charles's first wife Diana barely nibbled her food during their US tour in 1985, preferring to dance with film hunk John Travolta.

But Camilla, 58,



NO NIBBLING: Diana and Travolta

by IAIN BURCHELL

proved she's got the stomach for more than a quick snack as she joined organic food fan Charles, 56, for lunch at the Martin Luther King Jr Middle School in Berkeley, California.

There, pupils learn to grow and cook their own organic produce. As the food was blessed Charles said: "I'm thankful for all nature's gifts." Peckish Camilla added: "I'm going to be thankful when I've eaten this soup!" And as she later scoffed her choc cake she told Charles: "I'm eating again!"

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GOLDIE LOOKIN' SOAP

HOT's favourite chavs **Goldie Lookin' Chain** are making their acting debut in *Hollyoaks*: Let Loose next month.

The Welsh rap collective will pop into the local bar for a swift cheeky Vimto and end up in a scrap with a main character.

My tracksuited spy said: "The band are on their way to a gig in Liverpool when they decide to visit a barman pal.

"Once alcohol gets in the equation, there's a bit of drama and before long fists are flying."

The episode goes out on E4 on December 12.

DORK'S MOSH TOSH...

WHINGEING **James Bourne** displays that old chip on his shoulder with a new **Son Of Dork** track.

The chucklehead, still bearing a grudge over the demise of **Busted**, has penned *Murdered In The Mosh*.

Choice lyrics include: "This one goes out to all the fakers, the critics and the haters. You know who you are... Give it up, don't be a faker."

I'd like to point out at that the 21-year-old named SoD after the movie *Problem Child*.

He clearly still has issues to sort out.

MADONNA will storm to the top of the charts with *Hung Up*. Selling twice as many copies as the No.2 act so far this week, Madge's **Abba**-sampling dancefloor filler is well worthy of the top spot.

Meanwhile, **Westlife's** *Face To Face* will be replaced at the top of the album charts by **Il Divo's** *Ancora* with **Kate Bush's** wonderfully weird *Aerial* set to bag second spot.

Madge, 47, will play a tiny gig at London's Koko club next Tuesday for just 2,000 people and is at G.A.Y. on Saturday November 19.



JOE MOTT'S AWARD WINNING hot



LITTLE ANGELS: Justin and Co go on the attack

JUSTIN gives 'em HELL

JUSTIN Hawkins has condemned **Chris Martin** to hell – for being vain. In a fiery attack guaranteed to start a new showbiz war, **The Darkness** frontman has also lashed out at the 28-year-old **Coldplay** singer for displaying a lack of conviction in his beliefs.

Asked who should burn in hell, Justin, 30, said: "Chris Martin. What are those seven deadly sins again? Greed? Sloth?"

"Calling your child Apple? Vanity? He's terribly vain. I think he has a narcissism complex. He wants to be Bono, but he bleats in interviews about worrying about being 'ubiquitous'."

"Make your f***ing mind up. If you want to be a household name, be a household name."

The fork-tongued star added: "Writing 'Fair Trade' on his hand. If you're concerned about Fair Trade, tattoo it on your skin, don't just f***ing write it on your hand in felt tip."

Justin also levels his pitchfork at **U2** frontman Bono, 45.

He said: "I hate people being holier than thou. Like Bono getting an audience with the Pope. It was all for Bono's ego."

And he also revealed that he has an extremely extravagant funeral prepared for himself.

He said: "I've got my shirt down. I've talked it over with my dad already. 'I want to be preserved in amber – no matter what condition I'm in – riding a white tiger, in a loincloth, waving.'"

"I'll be lowered into the church by crane to the tune of *Blazing Saddles*."

"And I'll also have Yes and No printed on the tiger's butt cheeks."

"The epitaph shall read, 'Should the deity refuse admission, I shall write a strongly-worded letter demanding 'Doth he not know who I am?'"

Now that's class.

The full interview and more pictures are in **Kerrang!** magazine, which is out today.

STEALING A LIVING: Rob says he'd have become a burglar if it wasn't for Take That

Take That saved my life - Robbie



HIGH FIVE: Take That

ROBBIE Williams has thanked *Take That* for saving his life.

In an extraordinary interview, Rob, 31, says he'd have become a burglar or drug dealer and killed himself with narcotics had it not been for his bandmates.

He's usually got a downer about **Jason Orange**, 35, **Howard Donald**, 37, **Mark Owen**, 33, and **Gary Barlow**, 34.

But Robbie said: "Maybe in doing this I can say the right things and put a few ghosts to rest."

"Perhaps *Take That* saved my life. I'd have had a problem with

EXCLUSIVE

drugs anyway, I was heading that way.

"In all seriousness I would have been a dealer or a burglar and that's the truth because I would not have had the money to fund my addiction and I'd have probably been in jail now."

Smoke

Ten years after the band split, the singer has won his much-publicised battle with booze and cocaine.

And in an ITV1 documentary

Take That...For The Record, Robbie reveals that he and the lads shared their best moments when they were all high on drugs.

He said: "Before *Take That* I'd done acid, speed and smoked a lot of weed so I was sort of heading into that direction anyway."

"But for the other lads it wasn't really part of their life, other than we used to like to smoke weed and then giggle."

"We used to laugh so much you know and it still makes me laugh now. When we smoked weed we probably had the best time."

● Catch the full interview on November 16, ITV1 at 9pm.



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BRANDON Flowers duetted with U2 in Las Vegas. The 25-year-old **Killers** frontman popped up for In A Little While, which he's previously declared one of his all-time favourite tunes. U2's new live DVD is out on November 14.

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THE DARK SIDE: Justin has a hell of an idea of what makes a good funeral

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☐ all the pc brigade who harp on bout a multi-cultural society, luk wot's happenin in france. Les, edin please keep x factor on until next august, best excuse in world 2 go 2 pub where real men should be, not sat listenin 2 wot sounds like a goose fartin in fog! pat sheffield

☐ If chico wins x fac, ill neva watch another episode again, shayne or j south 2 win. anon

☐ What time is it? Time to show Chico the door! Shayne & Marie 2 be the finalists. Louis needs 2 get a life! LORD KEV

☐ Talent show my ass! X factor waste of time. Anyone know what last years winner is up to? Didnt think so! Bored with tv

☐ anyone else agree ads between x factor drive u up the wall? clive

☐ Girls aloud must have short memories to say all acts on x factor are cr*p. I agree with you girls but just remember where you came from? genius dawson

☐ best own goal of year? Girls aloud not singin live on x factor. Cant wait 2 c simon rip em 2 bits. JUDY

☐ 2 anon: go c Girls Aloud on tour instead of judging them on silly shows like TOTP and cd.uk. ROBIN

☐ i luv paul burrell to bits glad hes going back in jungle. betty, n ire great to see Noel edmonds back on tv well done channel 4. Sean

☐ ive spent weeks lecturing kids not 2 touch fireworks unless u r over 18 then i saw david platt on corrie doing just that. disgusting. fireman

☐ november the 5th as cum & gone but remains of it still linger, i held a banner in my hand - has ne1 seen my finger? Jeff

☐ greatest movie ending ever - psycho 2, anyone agree? Auld Gimpy

☐ anti nowhere league blow the clash away. traffic jammin06

☐ Whats the truck used in gorillaz dirty harry video? Nice bit of kit! CHEESE

☐ £16 a mnth 2 insure a boiler? My combi's 12 & its broke ONCE. Wud v cost £2,304 so far & u can get a new 1 fitted 4 £750. John L

☐ Anyone else live in a bedsit? No toilet No facilities basic living at its best. Bedsit Bob

☐ Kerry Katona you are a foul-mouthed bitch, and we love it! And you look great in tight jeans. Ian W.

☐ is the pussycat doll with long, red hair a BLOKE? STE

☐ REMEMBER SPEAK N SPELLS? ANYONE STILL GOT ONE AND WOULD SELL IT? DEK, SCOTLAND

☐ I'm a goodlooking professional & a soft chap. I go out in Cardiff & all da girls want is free pop & all ur dosh. Where r all da Decent Ladies? SRB

☐ why does everything start going south when u hit 40? any men out there like it? sheila, newcastle

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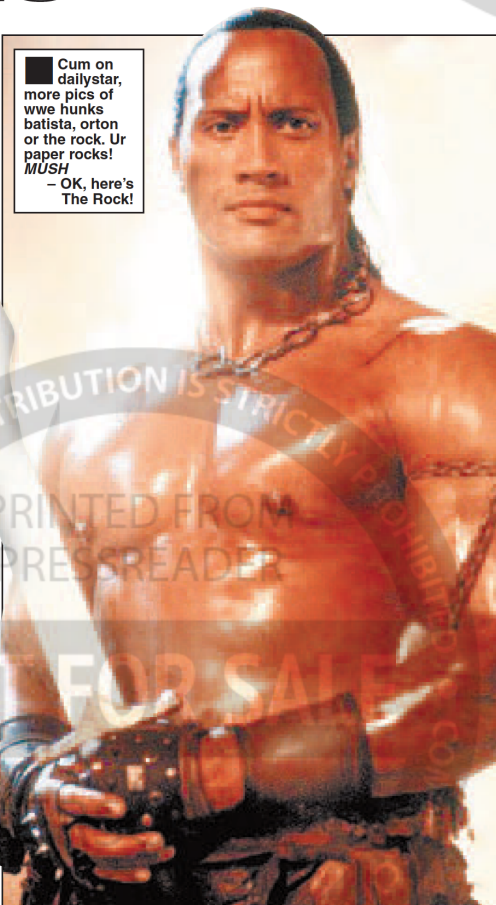
☐ Hey fireman, ur hoses don't measure up 2 our cucumbers, women go crazy 4 greengrocers we're REAL men! Reg the veg

☐ my local cobbler & key cutter must b best in country, he's got loads of cups & trophies in his window. wordsmith

☐ Anyone else fancy going on the tap? A WASHER

☐ had a few ladies round on saturday night, was off their head! HENRY THE EIGHTH

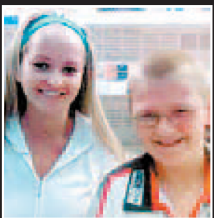
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My nephew Bob Rix and Jennifer Ellison in Asda in Widnes. Lucky boy! James Rix

High price of safe sex

☐ I went to get some condoms and i cant believe the price. 2 pound a chuck! no wonder there r so many teenage pregnancies. ANDY

☐ Drug users get free methadone, why cant i get free nicotine patches of my doc for my drug prob? system all wrong. A NOTFAIR

☐ 2 beaker. All Government depts have targets. If yr not "on the books" they dont hit target 4 getting u a job. Blame Blair. ANON

☐ to OUR JEFF just who do these businesses think they are ripping u off over your last pay packet? go to the union, if youre not in it then join and tell them about the 2p outfit to protect others. THE TOMO

☐ any good union reps out there? i think im for the chop today. jelly storey

☐ us shop workers suffer as it is without having to work all day sunday has well. letsroc, nottingham

☐ 2 all moaning bout students, think how much tax i'll pay in my job when i graduate! laura, liverpool

☐ oi mr livingston y dnt bus drivers ever have change early mornings? I missed 2 buses this morn. Cldnt get on wiv £5note. STEWOPOTESSEX

☐ i love my job drivin Bendy buses around glasgow all day. SONIK

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"Will you spend it on gambling?" "Certainly not," says the beggar. The man says: "Come on home with me. I want to show the wife what happens to men who don't drink or gamble."

J. WEST, Cwmbran, Gwent.

A BLOKE buys a lot of stuff in a menswear shop in Birmingham. He says to the assistant: "I'd also like a kipper tie, please."

"Certainly, sir," says the assistant. "Milk and sugar?"

B. PARSONS, Bromley, Kent.

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I HOPE everyone will be more generous than ever in giving to the Poppy Appeal this year.

Today, we have many thousands of young British men and women serving overseas.

A lot are in Iraq. Whatever the rights and wrongs of that conflict, I hope we appreciate the bravery and commitment of our troops.

COLIN CHATTEY, Maldon, Essex.

I'M amazed at the criticism of the new Christmas stamps. Many people say they don't have much to do with Christmas. Yet they show the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to Jesus on Christmas Day. Surely that's what we are celebrating at Christmas.

Mrs ROSEMARY NANES, Osbaston, Monmouth

IN Emmerdale on Monday night, when Viv got down a tin of beans we could clearly see they were Aldi's own brand. Surely she wouldn't be selling another firm's goods in her shop?

MANDY LAWRENCE, Chester.

Have you spotted any other TV clangers? If so, let us know.

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